

1 RESOLUTION NO. 2020-194

First Reading Passage Requested

(B. Nelsen)

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3 SPONSORS Ms. Shapiro, Ms. Sims & Council of the Whole

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5 DATE June 29, 2020

COMMITTEE Public Safety

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7 **A Resolution authorizing the County Executive to execute a grant agreement with the**
8 **Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health,**
9 **for a grant, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00, to develop a COVID-19 mass testing**
10 **program for the period from 7/1/20 through 12/30/20 utilizing funds provided through**
11 **Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES**
12 **Act”), and declaring the creation of such mass testing operation necessary due to the**
13 **public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) for the**
14 **Executive, and declaring an emergency.**

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16 WHEREAS, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a significant impact on
17 the health and wellbeing of the residents of Summit County and has particularly adversely
18 affected residents in certain at risk groups and zip codes, and it is clear that insufficient testing
19 has been and will continue to be a problem in the Summit County Community unless a program
20 of mass testing is developed; and

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22 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health, in response to this issue, has developed a
23 proposal, attached hereto as Exhibit A, to address such need; and

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25 WHEREAS, in its proposal, Summit County Public Health has identified that these at-
26 risk groups include individuals living in congregate living settings such as assisted living and
27 nursing facilities, Veteran’s homes, homeless and domestic violence shelters; and

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29 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health has further determined that it is advisable to
30 have a plan and capacity for responding to community outbreaks not related to a congregate
31 living setting, such as outbreaks in workplaces and among critical infrastructure personnel,
32 public safety and health personnel and workers in critical industries such as food production,
33 information technology and transportation; and

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35 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health has used GIS data mapping of current cases
36 to determine that the areas of highest need within the County fall within the 44310, 44305 and
37 44320 zip codes; and

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39 WHEREAS, Summit County Public Health has determined that in order to develop a
40 mass testing program in light of these priorities will cost approximately \$1,040,000.00 to fund
41 equipment, necessary materials, services and supplies and personnel and additionally will result
42 in a need for expanded laboratory capacity which will cost approximately \$286,000.00 to
43 increase capacity from the current level of 200 tests per day to 400 to 450 tests per day; and

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45 WHEREAS, this Council finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent information,
46 that it is necessary and in the best interest of the County of Summit to authorize the County
47 Executive to execute a grant agreement with Summit County Public Health to establish a mass
48 COVID-19 testing program which addresses the priorities mentioned above; and

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4 WHEREAS, this Council further finds and determines, after reviewing all pertinent
5 information, that the expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 under a grant agreement with Summit County
6 Public Health to establish a mass testing program is necessary due to the public health
7 emergency with respect to the COVID-19;

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9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Summit, State
10 of Ohio, that:

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12 SECTION 1

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14 The County Executive is hereby authorized to execute a grant agreement with the
15 Summit County Combined General Health District d.b.a. Summit County Public Health, for a
16 grant, in an amount not to exceed \$1,400,000.00, using funds received by the County through
17 Section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (“CARES Act”)
18 to establish a mass COVID-19 testing program which addresses at-risk groups, prepares capacity
19 to respond to an outbreak within any portion of the community, and to ensure adequate testing
20 within the geographic regions of the County, represented by zip code, which have the highest
21 need.

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23 SECTION 2

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25 This Council finds and declares that the expenditure of \$1,400,000.00 under the
26 aforementioned grant agreement with Summit County Public Health is necessary due to the
27 public health emergency with respect to the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being done in
28 compliance with the provisions of section 5001 of the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief and
29 Economic Security Act.

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31 SECTION 3

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33 This Resolution is declared to be an emergency in the interest of the health, safety, and
34 welfare of the residents of the County of Summit and for the further reason to immediately
35 authorize the County Executive to enter into a grant agreement with Summit County Public Health
36 to establish a mass COVID-19 testing program so that the same can be commenced and completed
37 as expeditiously as possible.

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39 SECTION 4

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41 Provided this Resolution receives the affirmative vote of eight members, it shall take effect
42 immediately upon its adoption and approval by the Executive; otherwise it shall take effect and be
43 in force at the earliest time provided by law.

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45 SECTION 5

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47 It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to
48 the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all
49 deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in
50 meetings open to the public, in compliance with legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the
51 Ohio Revised Code.
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CLERK OF COUNCIL



PRESIDENT OF COUNCIL

APPROVED June 30, 2020



EXECUTIVE

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ENACTED EFFECTIVE

Voice Vote - YES: 9-0 - Dickinson, Donofrio, Feeman, Koehler,
McKenney, Rodgers, Schmidt, Sims, Wilhite
ABSENT: Prentice, Walters